GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Registration & Stamps - Surprise check conducted on 12.11.2018 on the District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor Town, Chittoor District - Allegation of corruption & criminal misconduct against Sri M.Ashok Kumar, Joint Sub-Registrar-I and 10 others, O/o District Registrar (OB), Chittoor Town, Chittoor District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - WSDs received - Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries- Inquiring Authority appointed- Report submitted -Enquiry Report Communicated - Explanation received - Further action dropped - Orders -Issued.

REVENUE (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 664 **Dated: 23-09-2024**

1.From the DG, ACB, AP, C.No.106/DES-TCT/2018, dated 8.05.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated.02.02.2021.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.44 to 55, Rev (Vig.II) Dept., dated.02.02.2021.
4.Written Statements of Defence received from the Commissioner & Inspector General, R&S, AP Lr.No.Vig.2/P4729/2019 Dt.17.09.2021.
4. G.O.Rt.No.534, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, Dt.11.07.2022.
5. G.O.Rt.No.718, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dt.06.09.2022.
6.Enquiry report D.O.Letter No45/COI-RPT/2022 Dt.22.05.2023.
7.Govt., Memo REV01-REGS0CIRV(ACBC)/23/2020-VIG-II Dt.02.03.2024
8.Explanation of Sri Karunakaran Santhosh, Junior Assistant received through DIG, Chittoor Lr.No.G/305/2019 Dt.03.04.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the DG, ACB vide letter 1st read above has conducted surprise check on 12.11.2018 on the District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor Town, Chittoor District and recommended to Sri Karunakaran Santhosh, Junior Assistant among others before the Commissionerate of Inquiries. Accordingly the following articles of charges are issued against the said individual.

Article of Charge-I:

That the Government Servant Sri Karunakaran Santosh, Junior Assistant, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor District has committed grave misconduct in as much as he, in collusion with other staff engaged the services of one private person viz Sri S. Lalalajapathi for collecting mamools (illegal/unauthorized amounts) from the documentary writers who had collected the same from general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works. During surprise-check Sri S. Lalalajapathi was found in possession of an unauthorized/illegal amount of Rs. 16,700/-. The DSP, ACB seized the above said amount from his possession.

Article of charge-II:

That the Government Servant Sri Karunakaran Santhosh, Junior Assistant, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor District, Chittoor has committed grave misconduct in as much as an unaccounted amount of Rs.15,600/- was found in the computer section room (under the CPU of Finger prints seat) and an un-accounted amount of Rs.14,500/- was found in the Server room (in CDs box). The total amount of Rs.30,100/- was seized by the DSP, ACB for the purpose of further enquiry after none of the SRO staff and others claimed that the said amount belongs to them.

Article of charge-III:

That the Government Servant Sri Karunakaran Santhosh, Junior Assistant, District Registrar Office (Original Branch), Chittoor, Chittoor District has committed grave misconduct in as much as he, in collusion with other staff

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engaged the services of five document writers for collecting mamools from the general public who have been approaching the Sub-Registrar's Office for Registration of their properties and other official works and to hand over the same to one private persons viz Sri Lala Lajapthi who in turn handover bribe amounts to the SROs and staff.

2. Subsequently, the C&IG (R&S) vide letter 4th read above has forwarded the WSDs of the Charged Officer and requested to take further action in the matter. Government after examining the Written statements of defence submitted by the Charged Officer has entrusted the case to Commissionerate of Inquiries duly appointing Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS (Retd.), Member, COI, as inquiring authority vide GO 4th read above and Sri S.Srinivasa Rao, Advocate as Presenting Officer vide GO 5th read above.

3. The enquiry officer vide letter 6th read above has submitted the enquiry report in which the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held as not proved. Government after examining the enquiry report have provisionally accepted the findings of the enquiry report and the enquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officer for his explanation, if any vide memo 7th read above. The Deputy Inspector General vide his letter 8th read above has forwarded the explanation of the charged officer in which the individual has accepted the findings of the enquiry officer and requested to drop further action against him.

4. Government after examining the matter in detail have decided and hereby drop further action against Sri Karunakaran Santhosh, Junior Assistant as the charges framed against him are held as not proved.

5. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, AP, Tadepalli/ the Deputy Inspector General, R&S, Chittoor is therefore requested to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
Sri Karunakaran Santhosh, Junior Assistant through the Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, AP, Tadepalli
The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, AP, Tadepalli
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Chittoor
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SECTION OFFICER